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June 30, 2017

Via Hand Delivery

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58
2017 ETC Annual Report of Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (TX)
Study Area Code 442159**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (TX) ("Company"), JSI files the attached confidential version of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules.¹ Company seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information.² The redacted version is being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall
JSI Vice President
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¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

² *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, Protective Order, DA 16-296 rel. March 22, 2016 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form****REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. <div>Offered only fixed voice</div>	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0 . 0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. <div>Offered only fixed broadband</div>	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0 . 0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
442159tx510.pdf		
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations Data Collection Form	REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	442159tx610.pdf

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Valley Telephone Coop., Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Name Not Available
<812>	Operating Company	442159

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
Data Collection Form**

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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers Lifeline Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

442159tx1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP www.vtxl.net

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

FCC Form 481

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<p><2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.</p>	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<p><2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.</p>	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<p><2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.</p>	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<p><2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?</p>	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 200px; height: 60px;" type="text"/>
<p><2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.</p>	<p>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p>	<input style="width: 200px; height: 60px;" type="text"/>
<p><2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?</p>	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<p><2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).</p>	<p>Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information</p>	<input style="width: 200px; height: 60px;" type="text"/>
<p><2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)</p>	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	Yes - Attach Certification	
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}		442159tx3010.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	Yes - Attach New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	442159tx3012.xlsm
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:		
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	442159tx3017.pdf
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	(2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3022)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

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(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

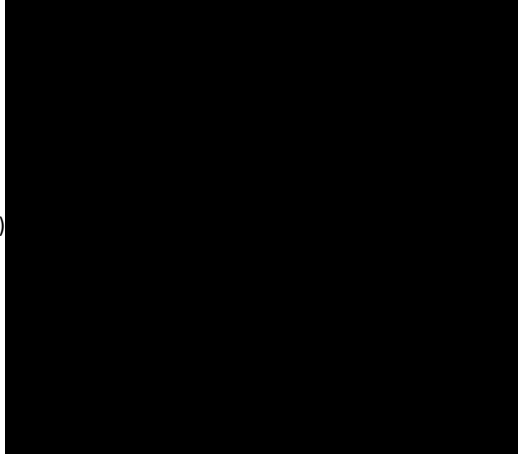
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends



(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
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Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
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4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: VALLEY TEL CO-OP -TX	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/30/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer: David Osborn	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: CEO	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 9566421124 ext.124	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 442159	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: ext .	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Date:
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: ext .	
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Attachments

VALLEY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

Annual 54.313 Report of High-Cost Recipient

Satisfaction of Consumer Protection and Service Quality Standards

Consumer Protection

In accordance with § 54.313 (a)(4), Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. complies with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag rules to prevent identity theft. A manual for each of those programs is in place and is part of the employees' handbook. Employee training is conducted annually and new hires are instructed on the programs as required by their job functions.

Service Quality Standards

In accordance with § 54.313 (a)(5), Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is required to meet the service standards of the State of Texas as promulgated in the Texas PUC Substantive Rule 26.54 Quality of Service Administrative Rules 860-034-0390, Retail Telecommunications Service Standards for Small Telecommunications Utilities.

VALLEY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

Annual § 54.313 Report of High-Cost Recipient

Current Ability to Remain Functional in Emergency Situations

In accordance with § 54.313 (a)(6), Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s network has the following safeguards built in to ensure provision of telephone service during emergency situations:

Back-up Power –

All remotes (building and cabinets) within the Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. network are monitored by the Network Operations Center on a 365 days a year; 24 hours a day basis.

Switches – stand alone and/or host:

All Switches in Network are located in permanent buildings with DC battery capacity and generators powered by diesel fuel. Every location has enough battery capacity for a minimum of 8 hours of power and diesel fuel to power the on-site generator for a minimum of 24 consecutive hours. Many of the larger sites have capacity of 48 hours for diesel fuel. Generator testing and diesel fuel status is checked weekly for all sites in the network.

Remote Central Offices:

Same as above for all buildings whether it is a remote or main site.

Subscriber carrier (DLC, AFC, OPM, etc.):

All remote DLC sites that are in stand-alone cabinets have at least 6 hours of continuous battery life in the event of an outage. All remote cabinets have portable generator hookups in the case power is out long enough to drain the batteries. There are over 150 remotes with the Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. network.

Network Interface Devices (NIDs):

Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. serves some customers with metallic (copper) connections to the Central Office and the NID does not require any power for operation.

Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has other customers served by non-metallic (fiber optic) connections to the Central Office. These customers' fiber NIDs are battery powered in case of emergency. The batteries are rated to last a minimum of 24 hours with no use of the NID and 8 hours with constant use. Tests have been conducted in-house to confirm this.

Current Ability to Remain Functional in Emergency Situations (continued)

Ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities:

Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has built redundant facilities between its exchanges and / or to its connecting company / toll tandem. These redundant facilities are in the form of SONET rings and redundant Ethernet transport with alternate physical facilities and meet points between VTX Telecom, AT&T, and Verizon, its interconnection to the Public Switched Telephone Network.

Capability to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations:

Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has sufficient switching and transport capacity to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

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(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
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TX	Concepcion		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
TX	El Sauz		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
TX	Encino		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
TX	Fowlerton		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
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TX	Lasara		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
TX	McCook		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
TX	Millet		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
TX	Mirando City		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
TX	Port Mansfield		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
TX	San Isidro		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
TX	San Miguel		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
TX	San Perlita		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
TX	Stillman		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28
TX	Tilden		FR	23.5	0.0	0.78	0.0	24.28

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	TX	Annarose	46.95	0.0	46.95	6.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Artesia Wells	46.95	0.0	46.95	6.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Concepcion	46.95	0.0	46.95	6.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	El Sauz	46.95	0.0	46.95	6.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Encino	46.95	0.0	46.95	6.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Fowlerton	46.95	0.0	46.95	6.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
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	TX	Lasara	46.95	0.0	46.95	6.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
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	SD	Stillman	46.95	0.0	46.95	6.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Tilden	46.95	0.0	46.95	6.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Annarose	69.95	0.0	69.95	10.0	5.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Artesia Wells	69.95	0.0	69.95	10.0	5.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Concepcion	69.95	0.0	69.95	10.0	5.0	999999	Other, N/A
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	TX	San Miguel	69.95	0.0	69.95	10.0	5.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	San Perlita	69.95	0.0	69.95	10.0	5.0	999999	Other, N/A
	NE	Stillman	69.95	0.0	69.95	10.0	5.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Tilden	69.95	0.0	69.95	10.0	5.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Annarose	99.95	0.0	99.95	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Artesia Wells	99.95	0.0	99.95	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Concepcion	99.95	0.0	99.95	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	El Sauz	99.95	0.0	99.95	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Encino	99.95	0.0	99.95	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, N/A
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	TX	Annarose	199.95	0.0	199.95	50.0	25.0	999999	Other, N/A
	TX	Arteisa Wells	199.95	0.0	199.95	50.0	25.0	999999	Other, N/A
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	TX	Millet	199.95	0.0	199.95	50.0	25.0	999999	Other, N/A
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Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Rates, Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Service

(Response to Form 481, Line 1210)

Local exchange service rates and charges as specified below are for basic local exchange service, including Tone Dialing Service, and facilities only. The rates for other ancillary services not specifically shown below are presented in Valley Telephone Cooperative's tariff(s) on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Unless otherwise specified, the rates and charges quoted below are for a period of one month, payable in advance and provide unlimited flat rate calling within the local exchange calling scope.

Residential Local Exchange Access Line Rates⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾:

Exchange Name	R-1 Rate
Annarose	\$23.50
Artesia Wells	\$23.50
Concepcion	\$23.50
El Sauz	\$23.50
Encino	\$23.50
Fowlerton	\$23.50
Hargill	\$23.50
Lasara	\$23.50
McCook	\$23.50
Millet	\$23.50
Mirando City	\$23.50
Port Mansfield	\$23.50
San Isidro	\$23.50
San Miguel	\$23.50
San Perlita	\$23.50
Stillman	\$23.50
Tilden	\$23.50

(1) Above listed fees do not include mandatory taxes, fees and surcharges, including, but not limited to Texas Universal Service Fund charges, 9-1-1 fees, and municipal franchise fees.

(2) Qualified Lifeline customers are eligible for Lifeline credits or discounts as outlined in the attached Lifeline tariff.

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VI. LIFELINE PROGRAM

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1. STATE LIFELINE PROGRAM

The State Lifeline Program (“State Lifeline”) is a retail local service offering designed to make telephone service available at reduced rates to qualifying low-income customers.

A. General

1. A qualifying low-income customer subscribing to State Lifeline shall receive state reductions to their monthly tariffed residential local exchange access line rate.
2. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a customer who is otherwise eligible for State Lifeline from obtaining and using telecommunications equipment and services designed to aid such customer in utilizing qualifying telecommunications service.
3. State Lifeline rate reductions apply only to basic network service and do not apply to non-basic services, regulated or non-regulated, such as long distance service or custom calling services. Customers may subscribe to these services, where available, at their discretion. If the customer subscribes to a bundled service, where available, the discount shall only apply to the basic network service portion of the bundled service.
4. State Lifeline rate reductions do not apply to service connection charges.
5. The Company may not disconnect the service of a State Lifeline customer for the non-payment of toll charges unless the Company has received a waiver from the Commission allowing disconnection of service for this reason.
6. Upon subscribing to State Lifeline, a customer will be offered a subscription, at no charge, to toll blocking service (in exchanges where technically available) which denies the customer access to the long distance telecommunications network; however, the customer is under no obligation to accept the subscription to toll blocking.

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VI. LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

1. STATE LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

A. General (Continued)

7. The Company will waive number portability charges, subject to the tariff, for the Lifeline customer.
8. State Lifeline rate reductions will not be available on a retroactive basis except as directed by LIDA or the Commission.

B. Designated Lifeline Program Services

The Company shall offer the voice telephony services defined to be qualified, or designated, Lifeline Program service pursuant to 16 TAC § 26.412(e).

C. State Eligibility Requirement

1. Qualifying Low-income (Eligible) Customer Criteria

State Lifeline rate reductions will be provided per eligible customer. The applicant must certify that their annual household income is at or below 150% of the annual federal poverty guidelines, be an eligible resident of Tribal lands, or participate in, or have a person or child who resides in the customer household who participates in, a program identified in 16 TAC § 26.412(d) regarding consumer qualifications for Lifeline.

2. Obligations of the Customer

- a. A current customer of the Company may be automatically enrolled in State Lifeline by their participation in the qualifying programs or they may self-enroll by contacting the Texas Low-Income Discount Administrator (LIDA).
- b. A customer who is eligible for State Lifeline, but does not have telephone service at the time of application, shall be responsible for initiating a request for service from the Company.

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1. STATE LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

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C. State Eligibility Requirement (Continued)

3. The LIDA reviews the customer application received and determines if the customer meets the eligibility criteria. The LIDA shall provide a list of eligible customers to the Company on a monthly basis.
4. State Lifeline customers will lose their State Lifeline eligibility once they cease to meet income criteria or cease to participate in one of the qualified programs. Customers will be notified by the LIDA for loss of eligibility and an opportunity given to prove eligibility. Reduced billing under State Lifeline will be terminated if eligibility ceases.

D. Deposit and Credit Requirements

1. The Company shall be prohibited from charging a service deposit in order to initiate State Lifeline if the eligible customer voluntarily elects to receive toll blocking
2. The Company may charge a service deposit if:
 - a. The eligible customer denies subscription to toll blocking upon subscribing to State Lifeline.
 - b. The Company receives a Commission waiver from having to provide toll blocking due to technical limitations.
3. In instances where the Company may require a service deposit, the same credit verification procedures and deposit regulations used for all applicants who apply for service with the Company are also applicable to eligible customers of State Lifeline.

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1. STATE LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

E. Service Connection and Charges

1. Service connection charges do not apply to eligible customers with existing, qualifying service converting to State Lifeline.
2. Service connection charges do apply when:
 - a. Existing eligible customers requesting additional non-qualifying services at the time Lifeline Program reduced billing is initiated.
 - b. New customers (those without existing local exchange access service) eligible for State Lifeline and establishing qualifying service.
 - c. Any subsequent moves or changes after the initial connection to State Lifeline.
3. Applicable service connection charges for the Company are specified in Section 5 of this tariff.

F. State Lifeline Program Rate Reduction

1. Implementation

The Company shall provide reduced billing for all State Lifeline eligible customers within its service area after receipt of the list of eligible customers from the LIDA. In instances where the customer makes direct inquiries regarding participation in State Lifeline to the Company, the Company shall make every effort to assist the customer by explaining the necessary steps to become eligible to participate in State Lifeline and direct the customer to the LIDA for completion of the required forms for eligibility certification.

If the eligible customer's existing telephone service arrangements meet State Lifeline criteria, the Company shall provide reduced billing as indicated above.

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VI. LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

1. STATE LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

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F. State Lifeline Program Rate Reduction (Continued)

2. Amounts

The Company shall apply State Lifeline rate reductions, per eligible customer, as described below

- a. **State Reduction.** The Company shall give qualifying low-income consumers a state-approved reduction of up to a maximum of \$3.50 in the monthly amount of intrastate charges due in addition to the Area Discount described below.
- b. **Area Discount.** The Company shall give qualifying low-income consumers an area discount composed of up to 25% of any actual rate increase by the Company implemented after January 1, 2014. The discount shall be consistent with P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.404 and the Small and Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Company Universal Service Plan (SRILEC USP). The area discount will apply to Lifeline providers operating in the Company's service area. The Lifeline Area Discount is \$0.66.
- c. **Combined Lifeline discounts.** The Company shall apply the above discounts, however, the combined discounts shall not result in a rate of less than zero charged for the customer's basic local service.

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2. FEDERAL LIFELINE PROGRAM

The federal Lifeline Program is a retail local service offering designed to make telephone and/or broadband service available at reduced rates to qualifying low-income customers.

A. General

1. A qualifying low-income customer subscribing to designated federal Lifeline Program Services, as outlined below, is eligible to receive federal reductions to either his/her monthly tariffed residential local exchange access line rate and federal subscriber line charge or his/her monthly retail rate for an eligible broadband service. The qualifying low-income customer can only receive one federal discount on one service option.
2. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a customer who is otherwise eligible for the federal Lifeline Program from obtaining and using telecommunications equipment and services designed to aid such customer in utilizing qualifying telecommunications service.
3. The federal Lifeline Program rate reductions do not apply to service connection charges, except that customers eligible for the Tribal Link Up Program will receive a 100% reduction, up to \$100.00, on applicable service connection charges, as provided in Section 5 of this tariff.
4. The Company may not disconnect the service of a federal Lifeline Program customer for the non-payment of toll charges unless the Company has received a waiver from the Commission allowing disconnection of service for this reason.
5. Upon subscribing to the federal Lifeline Program, a customer will be offered a subscription, at no charge, to toll blocking service (in exchanges where technically available) which denies the customer access to the long distance telecommunications network; however, the customer is under no obligation to accept the subscription to toll blocking.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES AND SERVICES

VI. LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

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2. FEDERAL LIFELINE PROGRAM (Continued)

A. General

6. The Company will waive number portability charges, subject to the tariff, for the Lifeline customer.
7. The federal Lifeline Program rate reductions will only be issued on a going-forward basis and will not be available on a retroactive basis except as directed by LIDA or the Commission.
8. The federal Lifeline Program credit will be pro-rated on the basis of a 30-day month from the effective date of the customer's application.
9. Partial payments made by Lifeline customers will be applied first toward charges for local service.

B. Designated Federal Lifeline Program Services

1. The Company shall offer the voice telephony service and broadband service defined to be qualified, or designated, federal Lifeline Program service as enumerated in 47 Code of Federal Regulations §54.101(a)(1) and (2) (relating to Supported Services for Rural, Insular and High Cost Areas).
2. For voice service, the federal Lifeline Program rate reductions apply only to basic local exchange service and do not apply to non-basic services, regulated or non-regulated, such as long distance service or custom calling services. Customers may subscribe to these services, where available, at their discretion.
3. For broadband service, the federal Lifeline Program rate reductions apply to the monthly recurring retail rate for eligible broadband service provisioned by the Company or its affiliated Internet Service Provider.
4. All designated federal Lifeline Program services are subject to minimum service standards delineated in 47 Code of Federal Regulations §54.408.

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C. Eligibility Requirement

1. Qualifying Low-income (Eligible) Customer Criteria

The federal Lifeline Program rate reductions will be provided per eligible customer, limited to one discount per eligible household location. The applicant must certify that their annual household income is at or below 135% of the annual federal poverty guidelines, be an eligible resident of Tribal lands, or participate in, or have a person or child who resides in the customer household who participates in, a program identified in 47 Code of Federal Regulations § 54.409.

2. Obligations of the Customer

a. A current customer of the Company may be automatically enrolled in the federal Lifeline Program by their participation in the qualifying programs or they may self-enroll by contacting the Texas Low-Income Discount Administrator (LIDA).

b. A customer who is eligible for the federal Lifeline Program, but does not subscribe to a designated federal Lifeline Program service at the time of application, shall be responsible for initiating a request for a designated federal Lifeline Program service from the Company before any federal Lifeline Program discounts will be administered.

3. The LIDA reviews the customer application received and determines if the customer meets the eligibility criteria for the federal Lifeline Program. The LIDA shall provide a list of eligible customers to the Company on a monthly basis.

4. Federal Lifeline Program customers will lose their federal Lifeline Program eligibility once they cease to meet income criteria or cease to participate in one of the qualified programs. Customers will be notified by the LIDA for loss of eligibility and an opportunity given to prove eligibility. Reduced billing under the federal Lifeline Program will be terminated if eligibility ceases.

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D. Deposit and Credit Requirements

1. The Company shall be prohibited from charging a service deposit for Lifeline voice-only service plans in order to initiate the federal Lifeline Program if the eligible customer voluntarily elects to receive toll blocking.
2. The Company may charge a service deposit if:
 - a. The eligible customer denies subscription to toll blocking upon subscribing to the federal Lifeline Program.
 - b. The Company receives a waiver from having to provide toll blocking due to technical limitations.
3. In instances where the Company may require a service deposit, the same credit verification procedures and deposit regulations used for all applicants who apply for service with the Company are also applicable to eligible customers of the federal Lifeline Program.

E. Service Connection and Charges

1. Service connection charges do not apply to eligible customers with existing, qualifying service converting to the federal Lifeline Program.
2. Service connection charges may apply when:
 - a. Existing eligible customers request additional non-qualifying services at the time federal Lifeline Program reduced billing is initiated, or anytime thereafter.
 - b. New customers (those without existing local exchange access service) eligible for the federal Lifeline Program first order a designated federal Lifeline Program service.
 - c. Existing eligible customers request any subsequent moves or changes to their service after the initial connection to the federal Lifeline Program.

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E. Service Connection and Charges (Continued)

3. In instances where service connection charges apply, customers qualifying for the federal Lifeline Program may qualify for the Tribal Link-Up Program and may be eligible to receive a reduction in the applicable service connection charges as provided in Section 5 of this tariff.
4. Applicable service connection charges for the Company are specified in Section 5 of this tariff.

F. Federal Lifeline Program Rate Reduction

The Company shall provide reduced billing for all federal Lifeline Program eligible customers within its service area after receipt of the list of eligible customers from the LIDA. In instances where the customer makes direct inquiries regarding participation in the Lifeline program to the Company, the Company shall make every effort to assist the customer by explaining the necessary steps to become eligible to participate in the Lifeline Program and direct the customer to the LIDA for completion of the required forms for eligibility certification.

1. If the eligible customer's existing voice or broadband service arrangements meet the federal Lifeline Program criteria, the Company shall provide reduced billing as indicated above.
2. If the eligible customer's existing voice or broadband service arrangements do not meet the federal Lifeline Program criteria, the Company shall:
 - a. Advise the eligible customer by direct mail of the impending termination of his or her Lifeline service; and
 - b. Allow a subscriber 30 days following the date of the impending termination letter required to demonstrate continued eligibility.
 - c. If the eligible customer chooses to make the necessary changes to their service arrangements, the eligible customer will receive reduced billing per the federal Lifeline Program at the time the change is effective or at the time new service is established.

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F. Federal Lifeline Program Rate Reduction (Continued)

3. If the Company charges a federal End User Common Line Charge (a.k.a. Federal Subscriber Line Charge), the federal Lifeline Program support amount must be applied to waive the federal End User Common Line Charge for federal Lifeline Program subscribers.

G. Federal Lifeline Program Support Amount

The Company shall apply federal Lifeline Program rate reductions, per eligible customer, as described below.

1. The Company shall grant federal support to qualifying low-income consumers up to \$9.25 per month, subject to the support amount directed by the Federal Communications Commission in 47 Code of Federal Regulations § 54.403 regarding Lifeline support amount.
2. The federal Lifeline Program discounts shall not result in a rate of less than zero charged for the customer's qualifying voice or broadband service.
3. Tribal Lands Support Amount (where applicable). Additional federal Lifeline support of up to \$25 per month will be made available to qualifying eligible residents of Tribal lands.

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Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (SAC 442159)

Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that throughout 2016, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. If a request for broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is unreasonable, and offering broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is reasonable, the Company offers broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream.

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